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In re application of:

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Art Unit 2721

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For: SECURITY DOCUMENT WITH
STEGANOGRAPHICALLY-ENCODED
AUTHENTICATION DATA

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AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Responsive to the Action mailed July 9, 1999, please amend the subject application as follows:

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In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A security document comprising:
a substrate;
text printed on the substrate;
a graphic carried by the substrate, the graphic conveying a visual impression to human viewers thereof;
the graphic additionally being steganographically encoded to secretly convey plural bits of digital data recoverable by computer analysis of said graphic[;
wherein the printed text and the steganographically encoded plural bits of digital data cooperate to verify authenticity of the security document].

Claim 3, delete the second/period at the end of the claim.